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TAGS: OEXC SCUL KPAO

SUBJECT: FY'05-AFRP: "Grassroots Democracy" April 11-29, 2005

REF: STATE 347575

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):

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EXPORT-SOURCE: POST-EVDB

VERSION: 3.0.7

POST-EMAIL: FumanaJS@State.gov

TRANSMITTING-POST: PAS Kinshasa

TRANSMITTING-POST-ID: 4307

EXPORT-TYPE: BIO DATA

START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VGA

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 10

ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: Grassroots Democracy

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

This project will address approaches to promoting public participation in decision-making. The program will demonstrate how citizen participation in the democratic process at the grassroots level can influence political, social, and economic change.

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Individuals Traveling Together

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2005

DEPART-POST:

SESSION-DATE: 04/11/2005

RETURN-POST:

NO-OF-PART: 2

RANK-ORDER: 1

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

ECA-OFFICE-ID: 1035

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: ITT

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 4307

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 4307

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Grassroots Democracy

START BIO:

PREFIX:

F-NAME: Apollinaire

M-NAME: Muholongu

L-NAME: Malumalu

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 100

PRINCIPAL? Yes

GENDER: M

DOB: 07/22/1961

MAR-STAT: S

BIRTH-CITY: Muhangi

BIRTH-CNTRY: Democratic Republic of Congo

CITIZ-CNTRY: Democratic Republic of Congo

RES-CNTRY: Democratic Republic of Congo

START MEMO POSITION:

Independent Electoral Commission

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

President

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

- Rector of the Graben Catholic University (2001 - 2003)

- Professor of Political Science and International Relations
(since 1999)

- Vice Rector of Graben Catholic University (1995 - 2000)

- Parish Priest at Monestier de Clermont, France (1992 - 1995)

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

None

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

- France and Schengen Countries, for Studies (since 1989)

- Uganda and Kenya, for business meetings and conferences (since
1995)

- Australia, for a conference (2001)
- Botswana, South Africa and Ethiopia, for Congolese Peace Negotiations (2001 - 2003)

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
- Doctoral Degree in Political Science, Grenoble II State University (1999)
- Special Diploma in Human Rights and Political Studies, Graben II State University (1992)
- Master's Degree in Theology and Philosophy, Catholic University of Lyon (1991)
- Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy, Catholic Faculties of Kinshasa (1988)
- Diploma in Philosophy and Theology, Bakavu Catholic Seminar (1986)
- High School Diploma in Latin and Philosophy, Kambali High School (1979)

END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
Director of the Center of Training for Development Solidarity (1995 - 2003)

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
- "The Congolese Civil Society on the Democracy Test" (2003)
- The Policy of Resort to Authenticity in Congo-Zaire during Mobutu's Regime" (1999)
- The Collapse of the State and Identity Crises in Zaire" (1995)

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
None

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: Swahili/Kiswahili
ENGL-READ: 1
ENGL-SPEAK: 1
ENGL-COMP: 1
START OTHER-LANGS:
OTHER-LANG: French
OTHER-LANG-ID: FR
READ: 4
SPEAK: 4
COMP: 4

END OTHER-LANGS:
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
Post would like the nominee to learn how citizen participation in the democratic process at the grassroots level can influence political, social, and economic change.

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:
END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:
The grantee would like to meet representatives of institutions dealing with the organization and observation of elections. He is also interested in have exchange with university officials, and NGOs involved in development, human rights, governance and democracy issues.

END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: USAID
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
As head of the Independent Electoral Commission (CEI in French), Abbot Malumalu occupies one of the key positions in the DRC's transitional process. The CEI is charged with ensuring that free and fair elections are held in the Congo within the time frame specified by the Sun City Accord. As a prominent member of the Civil Society in the eastern Congo, Abbot Malumalu developed an outstanding reputation as a fair and objective mediator, respected by all parties to the Congolese conflict. The Abbot will have a chance to apply the knowledge gained from this program in a way that few other IVs do, in a process that is vital to the DRC, the Great Lakes Region, and to sub-Saharan Africa as a whole. The Country Team has approved this nomination.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
NOM-OFF: USAID
SPEAKER? Yes
NOTIFY-EMB: No
MEDIA? No
HOME-STAY: No
HOME-HOSP? Yes
E-I-TYPE: INTERPRETER
NOMINEE-ID: 18
PERSON-ID: 18
BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: CG
CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CG
RES-CNTRY-ID: CG
FIRST-LANG-ID: SW
E-I-TYPE-ID: I
NOM-POST-ID: 4307
NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 4307
NOM-STATUS: N
DS2019-ACTION: 1
DS2019-SUBJECT:
SPONS-FUNDS: USD 9,188.000
SPONS-AGENCY1:
USGOVT-AGENCY1:

US-AGENCY-AMT1: 0
USGOVT-AGENCY2:
US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0
INTL-ORG1:
INTL-ORG-AMOUNT1: 0
INTL-ORG2:
INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0
VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0
COMMISSION: 0
OTHER-AMOUNT: 0
VIS-AMOUNT: 0
VIS-CAT: 5
END BIO:
START BIO:
PREFIX:
F-NAME: Nassor
M-NAME: Bin
L-NAME: Kassongo
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 100
PRINCIPAL? Yes
GENDER: M
DOB: 09/05/1964
MAR-STAT: M
BIRTH-CITY: Kasongo
BIRTH-CNTRY: Democratic Republic of Congo
CITIZ-CNTRY: Democratic Republic of Congo
RES-CNTRY: Democratic Republic of Congo
START MEMO POSITION:
National Assembly
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
Director of Cabinet of the President of the National Assembly
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
- Director at the Federation of Congolese Business Enterprises
(2003 - 2004)
- Head of Service at the Federation of Congolese Business
Enterprises (1994 - 2002)
- Lecturer (since 1996) at the School of Journalism
- Journalist at the Local Newspaper, "Le Standard" (1992 - 1996)
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
None
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
- France, for official business (2004)
- Senegal, for training (2003)
- Italy, for training (2003)
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
Bachelor's Degree in Journalism, School of Journalism, Kinshasa,
D.R. Congo (1996)
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
None
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
"The Organization of Press Enterprises and Ethics Issues" (1996)
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: Swahili/Kiswahili
ENGL-READ: 1
ENGL-SPEAK: 1
ENGL-COMP: 1
START OTHER-LANGS:
OTHER-LANG: French
OTHER-LANG-ID: FR
READ: 4
SPEAK: 4
COMP: 4
END OTHER-LANGS:
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:
The grantee would like to meet with members of the Congress in
order to gain greater understanding of the U.S. Congress and the
organization of elections. In addition to getting a greater
understanding of the AGOA process, he is interested in visiting
the White House and in making contacts with businessmen.
END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: POL
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Mr. Kassongo is currently Chief-of-Staff to the President of the
Congolese National Assembly. He is also a journalist and teaches
at the Journalism School in Kinshasa. The National Assembly is
playing a key role in the transitional process in the DRC since it

must pass all laws implementing the Congo's electoral system. The DRC and its transitional process will thus benefit directly from Mr. Kassongo's participation in this program. The Country Team has approved this nomination.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: POL

SPEAKER? Yes

NOTIFY-EMB: No

MEDIA? No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP? Yes

E-I-TYPE: INTERPRETER

NOMINEE-ID: 19

PERSON-ID: 19

BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: CG

CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CG

RES-CNTRY-ID: CG

FIRST-LANG-ID: SW

E-I-TYPE-ID: I

NOM-POST-ID: 4307

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NOM-STATUS: N

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US-AGENCY-AMT1: 0

USGOVT-AGENCY2:

US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0

INTL-ORG1:

INTL-ORG-AMOUNT1: 0

INTL-ORG2:

INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0

VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0

COMMISSION: 0

OTHER-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-CAT:

END BIO:

END NOMINATION:

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